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Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate from Austria, Belgium, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the People's Republic of China, and Taiwan: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of Antidumping Duty Investigations

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background

On April 28, 2016, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated antidumping duty (AD) investigations concerning imports of certain carbon and alloy steel cut-to-length plate (CTL plate) from Austria, Belgium, Brazil, the People's Republic of China (PRC), France, the Federal Republic of Germany (Germany), Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea (Korea), South

Africa, Taiwan, and the Republic of Turkey.¹ Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.205(b)(1) state the Department will make a preliminary determination no later than 140 days after the date of the initiation. The current deadline for the preliminary determinations of these investigations is no later than September 15, 2016.

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

On August 15, 2016, ArcelorMittal USA LLC, Nucor Corporation, and SSAB Enterprises, LLC (the petitioners) made a timely request, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(e), for postponement of the preliminary determinations in the investigations of CTL plate from Austria, Belgium, the PRC, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, in order to provide the Department with sufficient time to develop the record in these proceedings through additional questionnaires, which the petitioners will in turn need time to analyze and comment on.² Because there are no compelling reasons to deny the petitioners' request, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, the Department is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations by 50 days.

For the reasons stated above, the Department, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations to no later than 190 days after the date on which the Department initiated these investigations. Therefore, the new deadline for the preliminary determinations is November 4, 2016. In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act, the deadline for the final determinations of these investigations will

¹ See *Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate From Austria, Belgium, Brazil, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the People's Republic of China, South Africa, Taiwan, and the Republic of Turkey: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 81 FR 27089 (May 5, 2016).

² See *Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate from Austria, Belgium, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan – Petitioners' Request for an Extension of the Department's Preliminary Antidumping Duty Determinations*, dated August 15, 2016.

continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations, unless postponed at a later date.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

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